

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims in order to further clarify the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4 and 7 to recite "sulfonamide" and "dicarboxylic acid", rather than "sulfonamide based material" and "dicarboxyl based material".

The rejection of claims 1-11 under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112, as being indefinite, the Examiner contending that use of the phrases "sulfonamide based material" and "dicarboxyl based material" renders the claims indefinite, in that it cannot be determined with certainty whether these materials are limited to species with the provided chemical structure or encompass any species which may be remotely "based" on the structure, is noted. In view of the present amendments to the claims, deleting the expression "based material", it is respectfully submitted that the basis for rejection of Applicant's claims under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112 is now moot. Specifically, the claims now recite that the electroconductive resin composition includes, inter alia, specific amounts of sulfonamide represented by the formula 1; and specific amounts of dicarboxylic acid represented by the formula 2. It is respectfully submitted that these recitations in connection with the sulfonamide and the dicarboxylic acid, particularly in light of the specified formulas 1 and 2, are sufficiently definite so as to satisfy requirements of the second paragraph of 35 USC §112.


It is noted that the Examiner has not rejected claims in the above-identified application on any grounds other than the aforementioned rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112. Since this basis for rejection of the claims has

been overcome, reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the application, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1143.40963X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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